

Mr. DeBlass has used his expertise to produce his own world champion students. He has created a legacy of martial arts success in his community and has given young athletes the opportunity to develop and excel.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously proud to have Mr. Tom DeBlass as an involved member of their community. It is my honor to recognize both his personal athletic accomplishments and his lasting contributions to our community before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL  
JAMES MONTGOMERY BREEDLOVE

**HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 12, 2016*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and sacrifice of Major General James Montgomery Breedlove, who passed away on January 9, 2016 in Lubbock, Texas at the age of 93.

General Breedlove was a true American hero who dedicated his life to serving our nation. Upon graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., General Breedlove attended pilot training at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. After completing pilot training in 1948, General Breedlove married his wife Mary Ann Gossett.

General Breedlove's service in the Air Force took him all across the United States, as well as to England, Germany, Korea, Thailand, and the Canal Zone.

In 1951, during the Korean War, General Breedlove flew 39 combat missions and served with the 601st Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at Kimp'o as a controller. General Breedlove went on to graduate from the Imperial Defence College in London, and in 1969, assumed command of the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base—flying 162 combat missions.

In 1970, General Breedlove assumed command of the 3500th Pilot Training Wing at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas. He was promoted to Major General on May 1, 1973 and assumed command of the U.S. Air Forces Southern Command in the Canal Zone in 1974. In 1976, when the Tactical Air Command assumed responsibility for USAFSO, he was appointed commander, U.S. Air Force Southern Air Division of the Tactical Air Command and deputy commander in chief, U.S. Southern Command.

General Breedlove's military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Unit Citation Emblem, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon with oak leaf cluster, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon, and the Royal Thai Supreme Command Forward Master Badge.

General Breedlove leaves behind a proud and distinguished legacy of military service. His life's work has made America a safer and stronger nation for generations to come. I ask all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring and remembering the life of this American patriot.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
PERNER FAMILY

**HON. WILL HURD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 12, 2016*

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Melissa Williams Perner and Paul Christian Perner IV of Ozona, Texas on the birth of their first-born son, Paul Christian Perner V. He was born on Thursday, December 24th, 2015, at 10:47 PM Central Time, just in time to give his parents the best Christmas present they could ever ask for. He was born at the San Angelo Community Medical Center, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. His proud grandparents include Ginger and Paul Christian Perner III and Allen and Susan Williams, who also live in Ozona. This new addition to the Perner family is sure to be a blessing to the entire Ozona, Texas community. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Melissa and Paul Perner.

HONORING BARBARA A. BENNETT  
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM  
FEDERAL SERVICE AFTER 45  
YEARS

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 12, 2016*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a tireless civil servant and a true American patriot, Ms. Barbara A. Bennett of Virginia.

Barbara retired on December 31, 2015, after 45 years of Federal service. Most recently, Barbara served as Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Those of us who had the opportunity to work with her during her long career witnessed first-hand Barbara's vast knowledge of foreign affairs and international development, her understanding of the detailed legislative processes, her unparalleled passion for the institution of Congress, and her singular dedication to the mission of USAID in uplifting those around the world from extreme poverty.

Arriving at USAID as a recent graduate of the College of Mary Washington in the fall of 1970, Barbara steadily rose through the ranks during her first 15 years at USAID while working on procurement, financial management, and management support in the Office of the Deputy Administrator.

In 1985, Barbara came to Capitol Hill to work for my former colleague David Obey (D-WI) during his tenure as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on State-Foreign Operations. In 1988, Barbara returned to USAID and joined the Bureau for Legislative Affairs, where she served for 27 years prior to her retirement as Office Director.

Barbara has left an indelible impression on both the programmatic and management realms of USAID as well as the broader foreign affairs interagency collaborative process. Barbara's hard work is evident in the Agency's adoption of innovative approaches to develop-

ment financing, increased global health investments, efforts to combat international tuberculosis, implementation of the President's Malaria Initiative, and the establishment of an HIV/AIDS Working Capital Fund. These are just some of the higher-profile issues to which Ms. Bennett contributed considerable experience and expertise.

Barbara's efforts have not only benefited recipients of USAID's investments abroad, but generations of our Nation's international development leaders have profited from her guidance and mentorship.

I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Barbara for her service as she pursues new opportunities in this new year.

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**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 12, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Violet Antisdel on the celebration of her 102nd birthday. Violet celebrated her birthday on December 24, 2015 in Creston, Iowa.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Violet's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones, and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism, and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Violet has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-one Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Violet in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 102nd birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Violet for reaching this incredible milestone and in wishing her nothing but the best.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF ORLANDO SCIENCE  
CENTER

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 12, 2016*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Orlando Science Center as it celebrates 60 years.

Orlando Science Center has undergone many transformations over the past 60 years. In 1955, the Central Florida Museum, the original namesake of the Orlando Science Center, was officially chartered. The "museum without walls" borrowed spaces in bank lobbies, clubs, and the public library to host exhibits. Interest in the museum grew after the arrival of the Glenn L. Martin Company, now known as Lockheed Martin, sparking the Central Florida community's interest in science and technology.

On July 2, 1960, the museum opened the first planetarium in Florida. The planetarium